AO 91 (Rev. 08/09) Criminal Complaint

United States District Court Southern District of Taxas

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

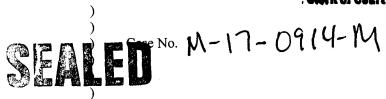
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Southern District of Texas

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United States of America

Guillermo CARDENÁS-Sanchez, AKA: Gilberto MENERA-Sanchez YOB: 1970, COC: Mexico



Defendant(s)

		CRI	MINAL COMPLAINT		
I, the c	omplainant in this	case, state that th	e following is true to the best	of my knowledge and beli	ef.
On or about the	e date(s) ofJuly	25, 2015	in the county o	f Hidalgo	in the
Southern	District of	Texas	, the defendant(s) violate	ed:	
Code Section		Offense Description			
21 USC 952 21 USC 963 21 USC 841 21 USC 846 Controlled Mexican States approximately 26.25 22 USC 846 Controlled Mexican States approximately 26.25 Controlled M				2 kilograms (KGs) of ed substance, and did kno stribute approximately 26.2 ed substance. Furthermor onspire to possess with in	owingly and 2 KGs of e, the
	iminal complaint i		facts:		
∀ Con	tinued on the attac	ched sheet.		_	
Approved to	file:	ISA SA	Gerardo M	Complainant's signature Mercado, HSI Special Age Printed name and title	nt
Sworn to before	e me and signed in	my presence.			
Date: <u>5/.</u> /20	17		Loc	Judge's signature	ne
City and state:	McAllen, Texas	<u> </u>	Dorin	a Ramos, U.S. Magistrate	Judge

ATTACHMENT A

- I. On or about July 25, 2015, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) encountered and detained an individual (hereinafter referred to as **Defendant 1**) attempting to smuggle approximately 26.2 kilograms of methamphetamine in a vehicle via the Pharr, Texas Port of Entry (Pharr POE).
- II. On or about July 25, 2015, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agents from McAllen, Texas (HSI McAllen SAs) interviewed **Defendant 1** and were able to identify a second coconspirator (hereinafter referred to as **Defendant 2**) who assisted **Defendant 1** with the narcotics smuggling attempt via the Pharr POE. **Defendant 1** and **Defendant 2** admitted their participation with attempting to smuggle the approximately 26.2 kilograms of methamphetamine from Reynosa, Mexico to Houston, Texas. **Defendant 1** and **Defendant 2** were arrested by HSI SAs and prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Texas.
- III. **Defendant 1 and Defendant 2** both identified **Guillermo CARDENAS-Sanchez**, AKA: Gilberto MENERA-Sanchez, as the facilitator who instructed them to smuggle the 26.2 kilograms of methamphetamine from Reynosa, Mexico to Houston, Texas.
- IV. On or about February 22, 2017, HSI SAs interviewed **CARDENAS-Sanchez** in Houston, Texas. **CARDENAS-Sanchez** admitted he orchestrated the narcotics smuggling attempt that led to the arrest of **Defendant 1 and Defendant 2** at the Pharr POE on or about July 25, 2015.
- V. HSI SAs were able to corroborate phone communications between CARDENAS-Sanchez and Defendant 1/Defendant 2 during the narcotics smuggling activities on or about July 25, 2015.
 CARDENAS-Sanchez admitted he provided Defendant 1 and Defendant 2 instructions on or about July 25, 2015 via cellular phone.